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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/680,797	BENOIT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Tho D. Ta	2833	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview summary dated 9/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39, 55-66.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dan Malley on 09/14/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

1 . (currently amended) An electrical wiring system comprising:

a plug connector device configured to terminate a plurality of wires, the plurality of wires being configured to transmit electrical power provided by an electrical power distribution system; and

an electrical wiring device configured to provide the electrical power to a load, the electrical wiring device being substantially disposed between a user accessible cover member and a body member, the electrical wiring device including a receptacle disposed in the body member ~~therein~~, the receptacle being configured to receive the plug device, whereby electrical continuity is established between the electrical wiring device and the plurality of wires when the plug device is inserted into the receptacle.

**33.** (currently amended) A method for installing electrical wiring, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of wires from a first location to an electrical device location, at least a portion of the plurality of wires being configured to transmit electrical power;

terminating the plurality of wires with a plug connector;

providing an electrical wiring device configured to provide electrical power to a load, the electrical wiring device being substantially disposed between a user accessible cover member and a body member, the electrical wiring device including a receptacle disposed in the body member ~~therein~~, the receptacle being configured to receive the plug device; and

inserting the plug connector into the receptacle, whereby electrical continuity is established between the electrical wiring device and the plurality of wires.

Cancel claims 40-54.

**55.** (currently amended) A method for installing an electrical wiring device, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a connector device that is adapted to be operably received by the electrical wiring device and that includes a first plurality of electrical contacts disposed therein;
- b. terminating the connector device to a plurality of wires, the plurality of wires being in electrical communication with said first plurality of electrical contacts;
- c. providing the an electrical wiring device substantially disposed between a user accessible cover member and a body member having ~~with~~ a predetermined area in which a second plurality of electrical contacts are disposed, the electrical wiring device including at least one element configured to provide electrical power to a load; and
- d. placing said connector device into electrical communication with the electrical device, wherein said first plurality of electrical contacts are in contacting relation with corresponding ones of said second plurality of electrical contacts.

**61 .** (currently amended) An electrical wiring system comprising:

- a an electrical wiring device substantially disposed between a user accessible cover member and a body member having ~~comprising~~ a predefined area in which a first plurality of electrical contacts are positioned, the electrical wiring device including at least one element configured to provide electrical power to a load;

b. a connector device configured to be positioned in contacting relation with the electrical wiring device, the connector device including a plurality of termination elements configured to terminate a plurality of wires; and

c. a second plurality of electrical contacts disposed in said connector device and electrically coupled to said plurality of termination elements, the second plurality of electrical contacts being configured to be placed in electrical contact with said first plurality of electrical contacts when said connector device is positioned in contacting relation with said electrical wiring device.


3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to provide, teach or suggest the electrical wiring device being substantially disposed between a user accessible cover member and a body member; and in combination with other limitations in the base claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho D. Ta whose telephone number is (571) 272-2014. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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